

Community Assistance Network  
**EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE**  
*Children, Families, & Futures*

MINUTES

January 13, 2004  
Valley Star Children & Family Services  
1585 S. D Street  
San Bernardino

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

**2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of December Minutes**

The minutes will stand as approved.

**4. Guest Speaker: Brian Thomson, CWSM – Department of Children’s Services, Child Welfare Services Redesign.**

Please see detailed handouts for information.

**Questions and Comments**

The Department of Children’s Services can not make a one size fit for the whole community and are sensitive to the needs of the community. The Department of Children’s Services staff is going to the community to assess the level of services needed and how best to work with the community. Brian mentioned changes will happen, but they will be slow. Brian mentioned that CWLA (Child Welfare League of America) is a strong supporter for the Redesign and Family-to-Family programs. CWLA are acting as consultants for the Redesign as it will take approximately 10 years to complete. San Bernardino County drew co-hort 4, which means they do not have to technically begin the Redesign efforts for another 3 to 4 years.

There was some discussion about duties the social workers actually perform through the Department of Children’s Services and how they relate to the TV show Judging Amy. Brian mentioned that NASW (National Association Social Work) recognizes the social work aspect of the TV show. Brian thought there might be similar situations, but probably not the hardcore issues the Department of Children’s Services Social Workers deal with on a regular basis. He felt the show is good to expose the public of Social Services issues.

**5. Roundtable Discussion / Networking**

Jennifer Celise-Reyes of Children’s Network reported: Children’s Network will be recognizing people who go above and beyond for children at the Children’s Network Annual Shine the Light on Child Abuse Breakfast. This year the breakfast will only honor half of the overall categories that are usually honored, so that the event is not so rushed and to truly honor the honorees. Please take a nomination form; they need nominations for educators, faith-based organizations, and family advocates. If you have any questions contact Sue Taylor at (909) 387-8966. She mentioned that Renee Bombaci who recently passed away would be recognized at the breakfast. She also mentioned the Call for Proposals for the annual conference in September are out now. The proposals are due next month in February. Dr. Ira Chasnoff will be the keynote speaker.

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino reported: She mentioned next months’ topic will be the Strategic Plan for First 5 and Children’s Network will present the annual report. In March Brian Thomson will return to report numbers from the Self-Assessment team efforts. April is Child Abuse Prevention month and materials are available.

RFP's (Request for Proposal) will come out for DBH's (Department of Behavioral Health) community-based recovery centers. Mary has some information from the county website if you are interested. Mary spoke to Keith Lee and mentioned the county has \$5 million to spend by June 30<sup>th</sup> and expects the response will be a quick turnaround for the RFP from the Jobs and Employment Services Department to provide Short-term Vocational Training and Employment Services under the Department of Labor Welfare-to-Work Grant Program. Clients will have to be trained and ready to be employed in 6 months. For more information go to the web site: [www.jesd.com](http://www.jesd.com). Mary thanked Valley Star for hosting this meeting. The Waive of Worship, a day of prayer and worship, is Feb. 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>, admission is free. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has published books on best practices for youth violence prevention, mentoring, social conflict and many more topics. You can download it, or she can send you a hard copy.

Anthony Rubio of Children's Network reported: Child Abuse Prevention month is coming up. Please nominate someone for an award. The Federal ELO (Early Learning Opportunity) grant is coming to an end in February 2004. It has been a model for 0-5 as early assessment and intervention through a variety of departments' participation. They will be having a half-day seminar at the DBH (Department of Behavioral Health) in Rialto. Everyone is welcome, he distributed a flyer.

Patrick Estrada of Building a Generation: They are recruiting a Youth Development Leader for volunteer coordination. They are operating out of three sites, please distribute their flyer.

Ruth Griffin of First 5 San Bernardino reported: They have kits for new parents and need to get them out in the community due to lack of office space at First 5. Call First 5 office at 909-386-7706 for a kit to be sent to you. Applications are due by Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> by 5p.m. for the Community Initiative Grants.

Linda Porras of Reproductive Health reported: They continue to give away free gifts for clients who make appointments. They are in the midst of submitting a grant for Federal money. They are hoping to expand their campaign for Abstinence. They are planning to set up training for a group of parents to be educated on how to talk to their kids about sex.

June Chandler of Volunteers of America, Early Head start reported: There is such an interest they have 30 kids on a waiting list, they can't enroll right now. They currently have 35 enrolled and 92 children in their home-based program. They have enrolled 8 children in their Prenatal Program. They plan on having an open house soon, call 885-4577 for more information. Volunteers of America are located at 720 South "E" Street, San Bernardino.

Veatrice Jews of IEAAC reported: They are having a Martin Luther King breakfast at Arroyo Valley High School, she distributed a flyer.

Julie Barnett of United Way reported: They are working on a needs assessment and executive summary. They are building their community connection and are putting together a database for information and referral. Julie stated you could see her after the meeting to be added.

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino reported: There will be a Faith and Justice Summit, February 19th at the Rock Church on Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino. The Community Plea Program is part of the Faith and Justice Summit conference. The Community Plea idea is working really well, misdemeanor offenders do community service rather than serving time in jail in the city of San Bernardino. There will be breakfast and lunch provided at the Rock Church for the Faith and Justice Summit conference attendees. There is a flyer in your agenda packet.

6. Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.**  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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